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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A printing apparatus comprises a maintenance unit configured to execute a maintenance operation between a completion of printing on a preceding sheet serving as the printing sheet fed from a stacking unit first and a start of printing on a succeeding sheet serving as the printing sheet fed from the stacking unit next, and a determination unit configured to determine whether to execute the maintenance operation, wherein the determination unit determines, based on a feeding method of the succeeding sheet, whether to execute the maintenance operation.

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EXECUTION TIMING		TYPE OF PRELIMINARY DISCHARGE
DURING PRINTING OPERATION	EACH TIME FIRST TIME HAS ELAPSED SINCE FIRST PRELIMINARY DISCHARGE WAS EXECUTED LAST TIME	FIRST PRELIMINARY DISCHARGE
	EACH TIME SECOND TIME HAS ELAPSED SINCE FIRST OR SECOND PRELIMINARY DISCHARGE WAS EXECUTED LAST TIME	SECOND PRELIMINARY DISCHARGE